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THE TIMES THIS MORNING CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY ON A MEDICAL STUDY JUST RELEASED WHICH FOUND THAT NEARLY ONE IN THREE PEOPLE SURVEYED IN MICHIGAN WERE SUFFERING ILL HEALTH BECAUSE OF THE TOXIC CHEMICAL PBB WHICH WAS MIXED INTO ANIMAL FEED IN MICHIGAN. THESE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS BY THE NEW YORK MEDICAL TEAM WERE REPORTED AS BEING IN SHARP CONTRAST WITH THE EARLY MICHIGAN HEALTH DEPT. STUDY WHICH FOUND NO SIGN OF ILL HEALTH. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN HAD AGREED THAT PERMITTED LEVELS OF PBB SHOULD BE DRASTICALLY LOWERED.

THE DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE IN URGENTLY OBTAINING COPIES OF THE REPORT.

IT IS LIKELY THAT THE STORY WILL BE TAKEN UP BY ADDITIONAL PAPERS AND DHSS EXPECTS THE QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED IN PARLIAMENT.

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THIS REPORT COULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE EXPORT OF US FOOD PRODUCTS TO THE UK AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION THAT MAY BE USEFUL IN REPLYING TO QUESTIONERS SHOULD THE TOPIC BE RAISED. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE IF THE SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION COULD OBTAIN COPIES OF THE REPORT FOR OURSELVES AND DEPT. OF HEALTH

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